

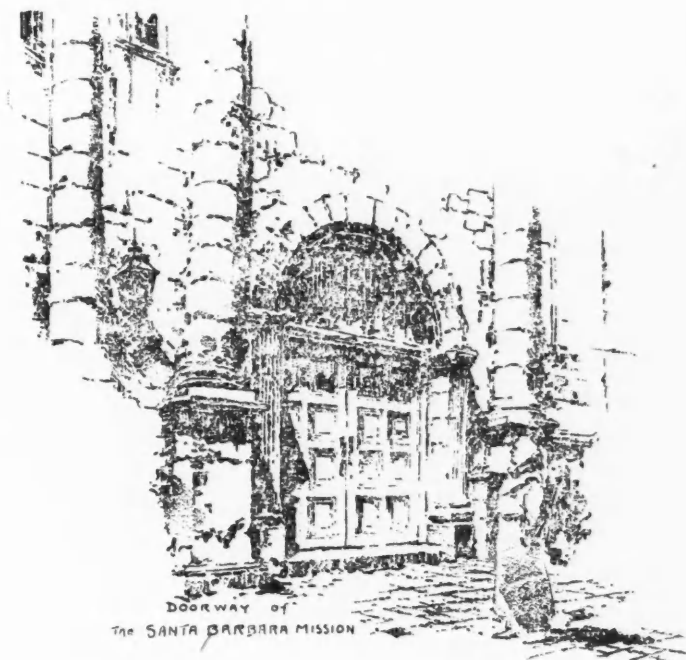
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**A**T THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR your president wishes to express to the members of the Association her appreciation of the excellent spirit of cooperation shown at all times. She particularly thanks the Executive Board, the officers, and committee chairmen for the splendid way they have done the work of the Association. Your president looks back on this year as one of the most personal and professional gain, and she leaves with the Association her sincere wishes for its success.

JOSEPHINE KENKEL

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS SESSION OF THE  
JOINT MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA  
SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MAY 7, 1932

The meeting was held in the Lounge of the Hotel Samar-kand, Santa Barbara, California, at 10 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Southern Section, Miss Josephine Kenkel.

The minutes of the joint meeting of April 11, 1931, held at the Del Monte Hotel, Del Monte, California, were read and approved.

Miss Kenkel introduced Miss Ruth Seymour, President of the Northern Section, who brought greetings from her Association.

Committee reports from the Northern Section Chairmen were read as follows:

*Handbook Committee: Miss Elizabeth Patton, Chairman.*

Miss Patton reported it has not seemed advisable to issue a handbook during the current year. Her committee, therefore, had been inactive. Next year, the task of issuing a handbook, should this seem desirable, will be undertaken by the committee from the Southern Section.

*Sub-Committee on Training: Miss Joyce Backus, Chairman.*

Miss Backus reported that a survey had been completed on the qualifications for elementary school librarians. Complete details of this report will be printed in the forthcoming issue of the Northern Section Bulletin.

*Sub-Committee on Study: Miss Margaret Girdner, Chairman.*

Miss Girdner reported on the formation in the North of a book discussion group. Three meetings have been held this year, at which time authors and publishers have been the guest speakers. The Committee also made an investigation into the problem of reprints in the school library field. Miss Girdner reported that an effort had been made to build up a depository library of books for review. Due to existing economic conditions, the financial snag was encountered. The committee for the next year will continue to work on this problem.

*Sub-Committee on Professional Associations:*

*Miss Elizabeth Patton, Chairman.*

Miss Patton reported that this committee had tried to maintain close contact with the N. E. A., C. L. A., etc. They also assumed the responsibility for publicity to outside organizations.

Committee reports from the officers and committee chairmen of the Southern Section were read as follows: (Detailed reports from these and other committees will be read at the meeting of June 4th, at San Clemente),

*Book Committee: Miss Ella Morgan, Chairman.*

*Membership Committee: Miss Ruby Charlton, Chairman.*

*Professional Committee: Miss Marian Gwinn, Chairman.*

*Program Committee: Miss Dorothy Drake, Chairman.*

*Publicity Committee: Miss Edna Anderson, Chairman*

(The report was read by the secretary,

Miss Anderson not being present).

*Social Committee: Miss Alline Speer, Chairman.*

The motion was made and carried that the reports of these committees be accepted as read.

A special report was read by Miss Willaims telling of the activities of the School Libraries Section of the American Library Association in annual convention at New Orleans. The California School Library Association was not officially represented at this convention.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter to the American Library Association expressing the regret of this association in the death of Miss Boyle, and voicing our appreciation of her outstanding service in the library field.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Rosa Cagle Mauger expressing the sympathy of this Association in the recent death of her father. Miss Van Duesen brought greetings from Mrs. Mauger, who sent her regrets in not being able to attend this meeting at Santa Barbara.

The secretary was instructed to send a telegram to Miss Laura Grover Smith assuring her of our thought and well wishes, and our regret that she was unable to be with us, due to the serious illness of her sister.

A report of the joint meeting of the executive boards held earlier in the morning was read by the secretary.

A motion was made and carried that the decision as to the time for the joint meeting of the Northern and Southern Sections of the California School Library Association be left to the Presidents and their Boards, with the recommendation that the meeting be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the California Library Association if possible.

A motion was made and carried that the secretary be instructed to communicate with the office of the California Library Association, noting with regret the lack of coordination between the meetings of the two groups, and suggesting that the California Library Association take the program of the California School Library Association into consideration in scheduling its meetings for Sunday and Monday.

Miss Mooney spoke of the need of integration between the two associations. She expressed the opinion that the California School Library Association should have some representation in the central organization of the Calif. Library Ass'n.

The matter of renewing the contributing membership in the American Library Association will be submitted to the Northern and Southern sections at their next meetings for their individual consideration and action.

It was the sentiment of those present that this association hold itself in readiness to co-operate with the Superintendents' and Principals' Conventions of this state. It was felt, however, that further steps should first initiate from these groups, rather than from the school library association. It was suggested that the distribution of library literature during these conventions might prove effective. The responsibility for such contacts shall rest with the section of the association in whose district the joint meeting is not held.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH NEAL, Secretary

Southern Section, California School Library Association.

## THE SANTA BARBARA MEETING

The annual joint meeting of the Northern and Southern sections of the California School Library Association was held very successfully in Santa Barbara on Saturday, May 7, 1932.

The morning session was given over to a business meeting, and the reports of the various committees will be published later in the bulletin.

The mid-day period was a free time, given over to lunch and to strolling through the beautiful gardens of the Samar-kand Hotel. The meeting was called to order at two o'clock for a delightful lecture by Dr. B. F. Stelter, of Occidental College, on "Reading for Culture". It is hoped that his lecture may be printed in full in some future issue of this bulletin. His introduction, however, was most happy, and was as follows:

"You doubtless have heard the definition which declares that 'a cultured gentleman is one who can play the saxophone, but doesn't.' Now the epigrammatic implication of this definition can hardly be thought of as pertaining to the Culture implied in the topic as announced. May I explain at the outset, however, that by this high sounding word I do not wish to obtain license for generalities. I merely wish to suggest a certain difference between reading which is a part of our formal systems of education and that which we might do were we free to read that which we most desire to read.

"I need not dwell upon the contrast between such mental activities to this professional audience. To you school librarians who are daily expending your duly certificated culture altruism on handing reference books over the desk in hopeful answer to vague inquiries based on vague notations on vague assignments; you who mingle discipline of youth with censorship over surreptitious copies of "Whiz Bang", over toe-click and heel-taps improvised from chair glides, over the encyclopedia opening instantly and begrimedly on the anatomical; you must tactfully maintain peace with, or power over, assorted departmental teachers, who know how to run a library better than you, subtly correcting the miraculous pronouncements of the principal the while you convince him anew of the function of a school library—

"Well, to you it is an impertinence to dwell upon the difference between reading as a means to a specific education and reading for culture.

"We probably can agree at once that neither a school nor a college course does to any great extent educate. College, I know, merely takes a post-adolescent high school student and for four years somewhat strengthens the mature mind."

This extract will give only a taste of the treat that Dr. Stelter's lecture presented.

The dinner at six-thirty added one more to a long list of delightful affairs for the school librarians of California. The gracious and charming toast-mistress, Miss Dorothy Drake, conducted the program most appropriately in Olympic vein. The speakers were as follows: Mr. W. H. Keer, Librarian at Claremont College and President of the California Library Association, who spoke of the relation of school libraries to that society; Mrs. Keer, his charming wife, who told some of

her experiences in London; Mrs. Anne Ellis, author of *Plain Anne Ellis*, who spoke very delightfully of some of the illustrious visitors who called on her during a recent illness; and Mrs. Carol G. Wilson, author of *"Chinatown Quest"*. As a fitting close to an interesting evening, Miss Isabel Parker of the Santa Barbara High School, told of the experiences she had on her trip to England as the recipient of Balfour Scholarship, given by English Speaking Union.

On Sunday morning, visits were made to the Stewart Garden and to that of Mr. William Hall, each very lovely and perfect in its distinct way. The day was ideal, and after an informal and restful picnic luncheon on the beach, the group separated for another year.

RUTH LEWIS

## SAN CLEMENTE MEETING

The meeting of the California School Library Association, southern section, will be held in San Clemente on June 4, beginning at ten o'clock. A business session, luncheon, and an entertaining program will be the order of the day. Make your plans right now to include this meeting.

## LIBRARY SUMMER COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Seven summer courses are announced for Library workers by the University of Oregon Summer Session at Eugene. One of the visiting instructors is Miss Marion Horton, formerly principal of the Library School at Los Angeles Public Library and later connected with Columbia University School of Library Service. She will give two courses, one especially for high school librarians; *Books for High School Libraries*, and *School Library Administration*.

The other visiting instructor will be Miss Jessie Gay Van Cleve, specialist in children's literature, now on the Headquarters Staff of the American Library Association. She will offer one course in *Children's Literature*, and one in *Library Work with Children*.

The other instructors are Mrs. Mabel E. McClain, circulation librarian, Miss E. Lenore Casford, periodical librarian, and Miss Rose Robinson of the cataloguing department of the University of Oregon. The courses offered by them will be *Book Selection and Evaluation*, *Elementary Reference Work*, and *Cataloguing*. The dates of the University of Oregon Summer Session are June 20 to July 29.

## PSYCHOLOGY?

On the heels—shall we rather say the ebb-tide-of the wave of high school psychology last semester, a jaunty youth, evidently proving his desire to be reasonable and agreeable, asked at the loan desk for "just any book by Fryed, or Junk". The stunned librarian rallied after a few deep breaths.



## CENTRAL SECTION ORGANIZATION

Hanford High School was hostess to nine high school librarians and three assistants of the Central Section of the Northern School Library Association on Saturday, February 27.

Before the business meeting, a luncheon was served by the second year domestic science class under the supervision of Sophie Rasmussen, in the dining room of the model apartment. The tables were lovely with decorations of flowering quince and nut cups in the same bright shade.

After the luncheon, adjournment was made to the library, which also was beautifully decorated with baskets of spring flowers, yellow acacia and flowering quince, with a bowl of violets at the president's table.

The meeting was called for the purpose of organizing as a central section of the School Library Association. Upon the suggestion of Miss Margaret Girdner, of Galileo High School, it was decided to organize as a round table of the Northern Section. Mrs. Dorothea Elliot, of the Fresno High School, was elected President, and Miss Edith Church, of Hanford High School was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. J. L. Neighbor, Principal of the Hanford High School, made a speech of welcome, to which Mrs. Elliott responded. The newly organized section adjourned to meet at the Roosevelt High School in Fresno, on April 9th, and as many as can do so, will plan to go to Sacramento.

## BROADER HORIZONS

Work while you play and play while you work might well be the slogan in the elementary, where one encounters Dutchmen in wall beds, Spaniards on their balconies, Knights and Kings in their castles, natives of Hawaii in grass houses, traders in their posts, early printers at their presses and even cave men in their caves, if one peeps through the glass in the class room door. So the librarian follows her small charges about the world hunting up Chinese Dragons, fish kites, thatched roofs, English authors, Norwegian poets, or even a recipe for butter which the small patron very much doubted could be concocted from such simple ingredients as cream and a bit of salt. The elementary is indeed, a cosmopolitan population.

The present day unit of work combines reading, writing and 'rithmetic as well as art, music and physical education with social studies and the plans may take any sort of direction as they did in the Willard School of Long Beach when a class reading "Gabriel and the hour book" as an introduction to the study of Europe decided to discover what that continent hand contributed to our civilization. The librarian proved a source of first aid by compiling a list of sixty books which could be found on her own shelves and on those of the Public Library in addition to which the children obtained books and consulted Compton's, the World Book and the Americana. A printing press was constructed, hand illuminated Christmas cards were made, and a pageant of Europe is to be the final activity.

The study of Europe at the Roosevelt School began with the study of King Arthur and knighthood with its infinite

possibilities of beauty, story, character training and final extension to other countries. A play of several scenes depicting the dubbing of a knight with the attendant festivities made a colorful culmination. The costumes, instruments of the minstrels, speeches and scenes were planned by the children. Here again constant service was required of the librarian.

"If I had been a boy or girl when George Washington lived" has been a favorite topic of study this year and many interesting pageants and plays have resulted. Demands were made for the name of Betsy Ross's daughter since she must appear in the scene where the flag was made, and of course she couldn't possibly be on the stage without a name. The process of learning in those days was also carefully studied and dunces sat upon stools (though one fears it was with pleasure rather than disgrace). Again, the details of Mount Vernon had to be accurately noted as well as Washington's farewell speech and his rules of conduct.

"Mighty Animals" proved a favorite at the Whittier School where a class of boys made models of the animals and learned facts of interest as well as skill in the use of tools. Their work was exhibited in the library during book week and created much interest throughout the school.

An advance edition of the World's Fair of 1933 is soon to be held on the Jane Addams school grounds where the exhibit buildings of France, England and Holland are under construction. Other groups are deciding what to exhibit, and how to dress the exhibitors, what books famous authors of the countries wrote and details of every life across the Atlantic. A wealth of material is found in magazines, book illustrations, newspapers, books of information of all kinds.

Forty-six books and ninety-eight pictures and pamphlets were made use of recently in a study of the pioneer movement in American history. Contrast with such a broad study the old method of memorizing the facts from one dry unattractive geography.

In the face of such evidence it is not difficult to understand why the elementary library plays an important part in the school curriculum and why the librarian must possess, not only actual knowledge of her material but also imagination and ingenuity. One dares not disappoint such eager searching for knowledge, one can only offer an anxious prayer for the ability to stay ahead of the procession.

MAUDE KLASGYE

## COVER DESIGN

The publicity committee is indebted to the Los Angeles Times, and to Mr. Charles H. Owens, staff artist, for the beautiful sketch of the doorway of the Mission Santa Barbara which appears on the cover of our Bulletin for this month. The sight of it brings back pleasant memories of our Joint Session of May 7. We are glad to take this means of expressing our thanks to the Times for so generously lending us this sketch.

## SPRING CONFERENCE OF JUNIOR COLLEGE LIBRARIANS HELD AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEHRN CALIFORNIA

On Saturday, April 23, the Southern California Junior College Association met in its Spring Conference at the University of Southern California. The Library Section of the Association met after the general session in Room 5 of Philosophy Hall. Miss Gladys Green presided as chairman and Miss Elizabeth Neal of Compton Junior College was elected as chairman for both fall and spring meetings next year. Miss Charlotte Brown, Librarian of the University of Southern California, was guest of honor and speaker and gave an interesting account of the planning and building of the University's new library, - a task greatly facilitated by Miss Brown's long study of library plans and by the cooperation of the architect. After luncheon in the Women's Residence Hall, Miss Brown took the group over the Library, explaining its many unique and beautiful features, and leaving them with the conviction that libraries should be planned by women to achieve the best combination of the beautiful and practical.

GLADYS GREEN.

### AS OTHERS SEE US

Miss Hazel S. Vaughn, of the John Adams Junior High School at Santa Monica, has written a most entertaining letter in which she details some of the joys she finds in the change from the schools of Massachusetts to the California system. If it were not for lack of space, we would be glad to incorporate it bodily into this bulletin. But we quote some of her enthusiastic phrases. For instance, she says; "Eating alone, which can be such a bore, became fascinating to me when the menu presented such viands as hot tamales, avocados, black olives, chili beans, black walnut ice-cream, loquats, kumquats, and ripe figs. Going swimming in Quincy is fun enough, but to sit on the beach in a bathing suit and open my Christmas presents with the sea gulls for an audience was more fun because it was different."

She also talks gaily of open-air markets, Piggly-Wiggles, graduations in out-of-doors amphitheaters, Spanish fiestas during school hours, of poinsettias taller than some houses, of the blue smocks worn by grocers who ask if you want your eggs put "in a sack", of the surprise of seeing a desert covered with flowers, and of finding the desert cold when the sun goes down behind the mountains, and finally the fun of living in a little pink house."

Most of all, she is impressed with the way the Westerners handle their out-of-doors leisure, and of the attractions which present such a lure, notably the Hollywood Bowl, the Ramona Pageant, Yosemite Valley, the open air life of Santa Barbara and San Diego and Pasadena, the Missions, the shops of lovely San Francisco, even the magic of Catalina. She tries hard not to mention the word "Climate", but talks all around it in a manner that is fascinating--to Californians! Since her letter was written to friends "back east", the delicate restraint and forbearance of her diction is very admirable, but her enjoyment of things Californian is also very evident and sincere.

## "WATERLESS MOUNTAIN" WINS NEWBERY MEDAL FOR 1931

By HENRIETTA MORRISON  
*Los Angeles City School Library*

On the smooth surface of light, clean sand, the Navajo Medicine Man draws a picture in the sand of pastel colors, as an offering to his gods. Skillfully must he work to bring out the beauty and traditions of his race in his pictures, making the lines clear and fine, for nothing can be erased or done over. As Laura Adams Armer watched the Indian Shaman tracing the age-old designs, she felt their symbolic meaning and wrote a book about the Navajo people. In "Waterless Mountain," against a background of hot, sun-scorched desert, she has interwoven, in soft, bright colors, the lives and legends of a people who devotedly seek to express the true beauty of their world.

For this story of the Navajo, Younger Brother, who has well been called the younger brother of Oliver La Farge's Laughing Boy, Mrs. Armer has just been awarded the Newbery Medal for 1931 by the Newbery Medal Committee of the American Library Association at New Orleans. This Medal is offered yearly for the best contribution to children's literature in America.

Previous to this award, Longmans, Green had announced her book the winner in their 1930 Juvenile Fiction Contest. Another, and unexpected award, came to Mrs. Armer from the fifth grade children of Trinity Street School, Los Angeles. Under the guidance of their teacher, a true lover of books, and inspired by "The Cat Who Went to Heaven," Miss Coatsworth's book and Newbery choice for 1930, these children selected "Waterless Mountain" as the book most worthy of first place among the many children's books of 1931. They wrote to Mrs. Armer letters of appreciation and presented her with a certificate of their own design.

Mrs. Armer, who is a well known artist of Berkeley, California, went to the Arizona desert country to study and copy the sacred sand paintings of the Navajos. In making friends with the Indians, she learned to love and admire the red men and decided that painting alone could not fully express her feelings, that writing, instead, would better tell how she found "the deep heart of things," for which her hero, Younger Brother, earnestly searches.

Younger Brother's quest lasts eight years, and following his adventures, we come to understand the customs of the Indian, to appreciate his art, to wonder at and enjoy his knowledge of the intimate and delightful secrets of nature. When we have traveled with this Navajo youth along the trail to the "Waterless Mountain" we too feel that we have lived in that desert country as Mrs. Armer has done. We are allowed to see through her artist's eyes the symbolism of the Navajo ceremonies and realize the close association of Indian art to Indian life.

Then, indeed, we know the people of Younger Brother and understand when he says to us, "We Navajos call it the Waterless Mountain, because on its top and on all its sides there is not one spring; but no one knows what may be in its heart. There are six directions always--east, south, west, north, above, and below. Below is the deep heart of things."

# Books Recommended For School Libraries

AT THE BOOK BREAKFASTS, FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, 1932

Prepared by the Book Committee of the

C. S. L. A.—Southern Section

	Publisher	Price	Grades		Publisher	Price	Grades
Ackerman, C. W.	Houghton	5.00	11-12	Baker, M. & M.	Duffield	2.00	3-5
George Eastman.			j.c.	Peacock eggs.			
Amazing chronicles of the activities of one man, which reveal little of the personal side, but give a detailed account of his business and philanthropic life. Good material on the beginning of big business in the United States, historic material of the film and camera industry as well as motion pictures. The high school student will find it better for reference than for recreational reading.				A story told with charm and humor. It is longer and less simple than the author's earlier ones, but little girls will enjoy it. Has the same attractive make-up and delightful silhouettes that are found in other Baker books.			
Alexander, Grand Duke of Russia.	Cosmopolitan	3.50	12-j.c.	Barrows, J. S.	Lothrop	2.00	7-10
Once a Grand Duke			Faculty	Son of "Old Ironsides".			
Alexander is the nephew of Alexander II, and the Cousin of Nicholas III, as well as his brother-in-law. The book covers the reign of three Czars, and pictures Russia moving toward the Revolution, through the mistakes and bad judgement of the weak willed Nicholas II. Alexander was the first Grand Duke to make a name for himself in the Navy. He had many plans for its betterment, but his advice was not taken, and finally he was "booted out." He ends with a plea for the religion of love, in which he has at last found peace.				The plot is lost in a maze of U. S. history of the War of 1812, and life at sea is highly idealized. Nevertheless recommended.			
Auld, W. M.	Macmillan	1.75	6-9	Baum, V.	Doubleday	2.50	Faculty
Christmas traditions.	1931			And life goes on			
Easy reading. Chapters by subject; i.e. Christmas date, Christmas tree, etc. Not scholarly or useful for reference.				Four strangers marooned in a village, change the entire life there. They leave, and life goes on as before. Good character delineation, but not up to the Grand Hotel.			
				Bennett, G. V.	Soc. for	2.75	9-12
				& Older, F.E.	Occup.		
				Occupational orientation	Research		
				Excellent for classes in orientation for which subject there has been but little material in the past.	Los Angeles		
				Blossom, F. A.	Boni	3.50	10-12
				Told at the Explorer's Club.			
				Graphic tales of adventures told at first hand by pioneers. Includes stories by Lindbergh, Stefansson, etc.			
				Bobbs, Mrs. DeB.	Minton	5.00	12
				Fanny Kemble.			
				Charmingly written life of a famous actress of the Victorian period			



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## Publisher Price Grades

- Botkin, G.  
Real Romanovs.  
Written by the son of a doctor who was killed with the Czar and his family. It appears to be a very fair and unbiased account of the responsibility of the Romanovs for the Revolution and the fate of Russia. Latter part deals with the mystery of the Grand Duchess Anastasia.
- Revell, 1931 3.00 12-j.c.  
Faculty
- Broadus, K.  
Story of English Literature. Recreates historical and social background in describing the movements of literature from the Celtic and Anglo-Saxon stories to the era of modern poetry. (Includes Kipling, Hardy and Masfield.)
- Macmillan 1.96 11-j.c.  
Sch. ed.  
also a 5.00 ed.
- Buchan, J.  
Path of the King.  
A wholesome, recreational book with some literary merit.
- Houghton 2.50 9-12
- Burns, C.  
Modern civilization on trial. An Englishman looks on modern civilization and finds hope for the western world. A thought provoking book, for adult minds only.
- Macmillan 2.50 j.c.  
Faculty
- Burroughs, H. E.  
Tale of a vanished land: memories of a childhood in old Russia.  
The childhood of a Jewish immigrant who is now a successful lawyer in Boston. These interesting, and at times, graphic memoirs are of the Ghetto in a remote town of old Russia. The style is too detached and brooding to interest the average high school or junior college student.
- Houghton 3.00 12-j.c.
- Butler, E. L.  
Along the shore.  
Creatures found along the seashore, on the beach, in tidepools, wharf piles, etc., are described and their haunts and behaviour discussed.  
Index most useful.
- Day 1.25 3-6
- Chapman, M.  
Weather tree.  
Tale of the Tennessee Mountain people. The rendition of the mountain speech is both beautiful and poetic.
- Viking press. 2.50 12-j.c.

## Publisher Price Grades

- Choate, F. & Curtis, E.  
Pinafores and pantalets.  
A story of child life in our grandmother's time. Quaint incidents in the home life of a family of children living in New York City in 1860. A wholesome and slightly humorous story that girls will enjoy.
- Harcourt 2.00 11-12  
j.c.
- Coble, M. F. & Life, C. S.  
Introduction to ornithological nomenclature.  
The purpose of this reference pamphlet is to make ornithological nomenclature more intelligent to bird lovers unfamiliar with the classical languages.
- Strause 1.00 11-12  
j.c.
- Dauteur, M. M.  
Joan and Pierre.  
The story of an American child who visits a French cousin in Paris. Bright illustrations contribute considerably to its value. The pictures will be useful from an art standpoint and for costuming.
- Doubleday 2.00 3-5
- Davis, M. G.  
Truce of the Wolf.  
Excellent collection of stories from Italian legends and folklore. The stories have a perfect rhythm for telling or reading aloud. Good typography and decoration. Author is supervisor of story telling in the New York Public Library.
- Harcourt 2.00 3-5  
1931
- Dukelow, J. H. & Webster, H. H.  
Ship book.  
A comprehensive book about ships of all kinds, with accounts the vessels of ancient countries. Directions for sailing a boat, making miniature boats, etc.
- Houghton 1.50 4-9
- Eaton, J.  
The Flame.  
A biography of St. Catharine, written for younger girls but interesting to older ones as well. Catherine is portrayed as an attractive woman of charming gaiety and deep spirituality. The historical background makes the book valuable for history book reports. It is fairly well written.
- Harper 2.50 8-12

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Eddy, S.	Farrar	2.00	10-12	Gregory, J. W.	Macmillan	4.00	10-12
Challenge of the East.			j.c.	Story of the road.			
A timely book, written by one who has spent almost 40 years in the East. He gives an impartial account of the whole continent of Asia in revolution.			Faculty	A readable and comprehensive history of the road, beginning with its origin (in the paths made by wild beasts and the hunting trails used by primitive man) to the development of the modern road. How the roads were made, what uses they served, and what part they played in the social economic and political life is interestingly described. Good indexes.			
Everson, F.M. and H.	Dutton	2.00	7-9	Guedalla, P.	Harper	4.00	
Coming of the dragon ships.				Wellington.			Faculty
This story of Iceland, Greenland and Vineland in the days of Leif Ericsson depicts home life and may be useful for early American history. Book is based on sagas and traditional histories.				Written with a brilliance of style which calls for much alertness in the reader. Much merit in scholarly research and biographical interest but the many allusions of all kinds in the text make it too difficult for any but mature minds. It is emphatically not light reading for anyone.			
Everson, F. M. and H.	Dutton	1.75	4-5	Guenther, K.	Houghton	5.00	j.c.-up
Secret Cave				Naturalist in Brazil.			
An intriguing story about exploring a real secret cave. An exciting adventure and a discovery add to the suspense. Some useful information about stalactites, arrowheads, and cave formations.				The record of a year's observations of Brazil's flora, fauna, and people. German title of the book, "The face of Brazil".			
Fernald, H. C. & Slocombe, E.M.	Longmans	2.00	9-12	Howard, A. W.	Macmillan	3.00	1-5
Scarlet fringe.				Ching-Li and the dragons.			
An exciting story of the struggle of the Incas with the Spanish in 1545. The hero is an Inca boy of 17 who succeeds in solving the mystery of a treachery. The book would appeal especially to a boy interested in historical fiction or in South America.				An attractive well-bound Chinese fairy tale. Lovely illustrations, the background of Chinese art, mythology and ceremonies very skillfully brought out. Good for high school only in the art department.			
Fischer, O.	Macmillan	5.00	11-up	Institute of Research Careers.	537S. Dearborn. Chicago.		10-12
Illustrated magic.				A series of 50 pamphlets on careers, bound separately but encased in one cover, (\$13.00 if enough schools buy, otherwise the price is \$39.50.) Not recommended, as government bulletins, though not covering so many careers, are 5c each and have proved adequate.			
The book is good, but the price too high. Beyond the province of the high school library.				Johnson, M.	Brewer	3.50	10-12
Goss, M.	Doubleday	2.50	6-10	Congorilla.			
Beethoven, master musician				Adventures of the Martin Johnsons in Africa. Should prove as popular as 'Safari'.			
The story of Beethoven's life written with an appreciation of the hardships and physical difficulties of his life.							
Gould, L. M.	Brewer	3.50	9-up				
Cold.							
A detailed account of the Byrd antarctic expedition. Presupposes too much knowledge on the part of the reader.							

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Harper 2.50 10-12

Kennel R. E.  
Vanya of the streets.  
Vanya, one of the countless Russian children left homeless by the Revolution, goes to Moscow where he lives by begging, sometimes stealing until his future is assured by his joining the Young Pioneers. Clearly and simply presented aspects of the new regime as it affects a child, combined with poignant descriptions of the hardships of the times.

Houghton 2.00 6-8

Kent, L. A.  
Douglas of Porcupine.  
The Douglas family spends the winter on the coast of Maine. A nice picture of family life, and enough adventures to make it popular with both boys and girls.

Macmillan 2.00 j.c.

Kinneman, J. A.  
Society and education.  
A very fine text on educational sociology. Covers a wide range of material both theoretical and practical in type. Presents a fine, literal point of view on social and political questions.

Macmillan .88 3-6

Lacey, I. B.  
Light, then and now.  
A treatise in simple vocabulary on the development of light from primitive days to the present time. The print is clear and large, and there are good illustrations. Good index.

Macmillan 3.50 3-5

Lathrop, D. P.  
Fairy circus.  
The faeries see a human circus, and are so intrigued that they decide to have a circus of their own. The animals offer their services, and the circus begins, all animals taking part. A charming and well told story which children will love.

Harcourt 2.00 3-5

Littlemore, F.  
Little Pear.  
Charming story of a little Chinese boy and his sister, giving everyday incidents in the life of little Pear. The story will appeal to young children, and will be useful in Social Studies. It will also lend itself to dramatization.

## Publisher Price Grades

Winston 2.50 7-10

Lewis, E. F.  
Young Fu, of the upper Yangtze.

Young Fu, an ambitious, modern Chinese boy apprenticed to a master coppersmith, has a faculty for getting into exciting adventures and out of them again, in a most surprising manner.

Linderman, F. B. Day 3.00 4-6

Old man Coyote.

These Crow Indian legends are the tribal tales which have been preserved by word of mouth for generations. Mr. Linderman gathered them from old warriors whom he has known for forty years. The Crows are the Plains people between the Yellowstone and the Missouri River.

Logie, I. Harper 1.20 9-up

Careers in the making.

This book is offered as a collection of biography extracts relating early training, both educational and vocational and first steps toward progress in the lives of twenty Americans of our century. The study questions at the end of each selection have been chosen in the hope that some personal guidance may be found by readers.

McAdoo, W. G. Houghton 5.00 11-j.c.

Crowded years.

Mr. McAdoo adroitly avoids the egotism of many autobiographers. His zest for living is imbued with idealism. His activity as constructor of the Hudson River tunnels, his unintentional plunge into politics as Cabinet minister and as war time controller of railroads are all modestly and vividly told.

McCormick, C. Houghton 3.50 12-up

Century of the reaper.

An account of C. H. McCormick, the inventor of the reaper; of the McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., the business he created, and of the International Harvester Co., his heir and chief memorial. Not much biography. Detailed account of development of the present company, its growth and methods.

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McFee, N.	Macrae	2.00	6-12	Milne, A. A.	Dutton	2.50	16-j
Sons of liberty.				Two people.			
A series of fictionalized biographies, Anthony Wayne, Paul Revere, Washington, Molly Pitcher, and others who fought for American liberty. Only the high spots of the Revolution are given, beginning with the Boston Massacre and ending with the surrender of Cornwallis. The tales are thrillingly told and a certain chronological order has been observed.				A pleasing little love story of a successful author and his admiring wife. Done in the usual rather whimsical Milne style, with some humor. No lasting value.			
McFee, W.	Doubleday	2.50	j.c. Faculty	Morley, C.		2.00	Unsuitable
Harbourmaster.				Swiss family Manhattan.			
A tragic tale of two lovers, told with a generous measure of Conradian depth and understanding. This long, well-written, leisurely story will not appeal to the high school student.				Somewhat amusing satire. A great deal about liquor law violation as the smart practice of all New Yorkers, seem to render it unsuitable for schools. Faculty libraries may wish to have it for their sophisticates.			
"Margaret"	Macmillan	1.50	1-2	My book of history.		18.00	9-j
Once there was a crocodile.				3 volumes.			
A picture book for little children translated from the German. Some of the illustrations are good, but the text is very slight.				Bookhouse for children.			
Masefield, J.	Macmillan	2.50	10-j.c.	The excellent illustrations make this set of books very valuable for costumes and scenes of ancient times, but the volumes are rather large.			
Minnie Maylow's story.				Myers, C. L.	Macmillan	1.75	12-j
Poetry. Contains legends and folklore. Beautiful in rhyme and metre. Too much historical background for children, through the rhythm of the first story will please them.				Readings in biography.			
Mason, G.	Century	4.00	9-up	Seventeen studies in personality, in many fields of activity. Stimulating and scholarly. Contains material on Cellini, Pepys, Jane Addams, Pupin and others.			
Columbus came late.				Nitobe, I.	Scribner	5.00	9-up
An enthusiastic account of life among the more advanced native peoples of Ancient America.				Japan.			
Means, F. C.	Houghton	2.00	6-9	This is claimed to be the first account of Japan's history, comprehensible to the western mind. Geographical conditions, their influence on people, historical background, emergence as a nation, culture, problems, and politics are discussed fully, and with literary distinction.			
A candle in the mist.				Norris, M.	Macmillan	2.00	9-12
When Janey is 14, her family migrate to Minnesota. Pioneer life, mystery and little romance make this a popular book for girls from the 6th grade up, though the story is written with no great literary distinction.				Heroes and hazards.			
Miller, E. C.	Doubleday	2.00	7-10	Collection of interviews with men who have achieved success in their careers as bridge builders, workmen on skyscrapers, engineers, etc. Each story is interestingly written up. Material useful for vocational classes.			
Young Trajan				Palmer C. H.	Houghton	2.00	12-j
Story of a Roumanian lad, who takes upon himself the task of bettering the condition of the peasants. A slight romance does not interfere with the book. Good for social studies and Roumanian folk-lore.				Autobiography of a philosopher.			
				The autobiography of a scholar simply and charmingly told. It will appeal only to the unusual high school or junior college student.			

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Orington, M. W.	Harcourt	2.00	6-8	Skarfatina, I.	Cape	3.50	12-j.c.
Zeke				World can end.			
Story of a colored boys first year at an industrial school in Alabama. Contains the usual pranks and scrapes, but also shows the development of a country boy into a trustworthy, reliable youth.				This is written by a member of the Russian aristocracy. Contains material from Diaries both before and during the Revolution. In spite of the distress which she and her family experienced, she writes without bitterness. This adds distinctly to our information about Russia and the Revolution.			
Phillips, E. C.	Houghton	200	3-5	Sterrett, F. R.	Penn	1.75	6-8
Gay Madelon.				Rustry of the Meadow lands			
Madelon, a little French Canadian girl is sent to Tadoussac to stay with her aunt and uncle while her father goes trapping. She makes friends in the village, and later goes to Quebec to meet her father. A simple interesting story which gives a glimpse of life in Eastern Canada. Useful for 5th grade.				One of the series of stories for girls; Rusty of the tall pines; Rusty of the high towers; Rusty of the mountain peaks. Rusty, a young girl goes to her grandfather's country home full of happy plans for the summer. Through an accident, she spends some time in an invalid chair, and learns that misfortune develops strength of character.			
Reid, E. G.	Oxford	3.50	10-u.	Stevens, J.	Knopf	2.50	H. S. and J.C.
Great physician; short life of Wm. Osler.				Saginaw Paul Bunyan.			
The author condenses her material to the point that it gives a rather choppy style, but the beauty and strength of the character transcends style. With a little encouragement over the first few chapters, students over the 10th grade could read it, and would be amply repaid for their effort. Worth 2 or 3 hours for anybody.				James Stevens has moved his search for legends concerning these mythological heroes of lumber camps, to the Saginaw River country. Of limited appeal to girls, but of decided interest to boys. The Chicago Evening Post, says it is the kind of book that four out of five men will tell about at intervals for the rest of their lives.			
Ross, M. I.	Harper	2.00	8-12	Stimson, F. J.	Scribner	3.50	j.c. Faculty
South of Zero.				My United States.			
A realistic and vivid fictionized account of a stowaway who becomes a valuable member of an expedition to the Antarctic. A member of the Byrd expedition vouches for correctness of the descriptions.				A wealth of good material in most cases interestingly presented. The author was Ambassador to Argentina during and after the war. His frank criticism of our relations with South America and of the State Department are valuable. It will not hold the interest of the average high school student.			
Smonds, F.	Harper	2.40	12-j.c.	Thwing, C. F.	Macmillan	2.25	j.c.
Can Europe keep the peace? Rather difficult, but it includes good reference material on League of Nations, Kellogg Pact, Disarmament, Lucarno Pact, Reparations, etc.				American Society.			
Snedeker, C. D.	Doubleday	2.50	9-12	Although the book is copyrighted in 1931 many chapters were written earlier, and have not been brought up to the present date. The dates vary from 1911 to 1931 and make uneven reading.			
Town of the fearless							
A story of Caroline Snedeker's family who developed theories of freedom and communism in the Old World at the end of the 18th century. A story of pioneering in idealism.							



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Turner, N. B.	Houghton	2.00	5-9
In the days of young Washington.			
A boy and girl who knew Washington as a youth. Depicts country life in Virginia in the 18th century and a lovely insight to the life in the colonies.			
Undset, S.	Knopf	2.50	
Wild orchid.			
This story of modern life takes the early years of the hero, in which he has a serious affair with a girl socially beneath him. Good character portrayal. The flower which gives the book its name is a symbol of earthly love.			
Wadsworth, R. F.	Women's press	1.00	10-12
Charm by choice.			
A good little book to put into the hands of young girls. It is written by a doctor and emphasizes Hygiene as the first requisite of a pleasant personality. It approaches the subject from a different angle than "Charm" by Wilson, but it is not written with quite as good literary style as that book.			
Waldron, M.	Houghton	3.00	10-12
Snow man; John Hornby in the barren lands.			
A story of two gentlemen in the Barren lands of Canada's unexplored Northwest. Hornby perished in the Barrens in 1927, but his explorations have made his name famous in Canada. The book has the gripping reality of the Lure of the Labrador wild though it is less convincing.			
Wallace, D.	Revell	2.00	7-9
Fur traders of Kettle Harbor. Story of a small community in Labrador. Not recommended for purchase.			
Wells, C.	Day	2.50	11-j.c.
Adventure.			
Recommended for entertainment and recreation. Some material taken from former books.			

	Publisher Price Grades		
White, S. A.	Houghton	2.00	3-4
When Abigail was seven.			
Miss Hunt, as in her earlier books succeeds in giving a true picture of the times. The characters both of the children and grown-ups have real personality. Lisl Hummels silhouettes fit well into the type of the story.			
Wiese, K.	Doubleday	1.50	3-4
Joe buys nails.			
A pleasant, humorous story of a little village boy who is sent to the village to buy nails. In his walk through the woods he encounters many animals and has visits with each one.			
Wilson, M.	Stokes	2.50	10-12
Charm.			
A well written book on a subject that interests all girls. It gives sane, wholesome and practical advice in a pleasant, unsentimental manner. A book which will 'get over' to girls the things they want to know and the things we want them to know.			
Wright, C. K.	Wetzel	2.00	10-12
Gold embers.			
Life in Southern California in the '40s. A colorful romantic, melodramatic study though quite good. Some historical fact intermixed with a great deal of description which is interesting historically but not easy reading. Quite enjoyable supplementary reading.			
Young, F. B.	Harper	2.50	
Mr. and Mrs. Pennington			
The plot of this "Book of the Month selection" is old fashioned melodrama. The sweet inexperienced wife seduced by the handsome villain, and the worthy but indistinguished young husband tried for murder, and dramatically acquitted.			

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